

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 812

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to commend William “Bill” Taliaferro of the Tennessee Highway Patrol for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee and to the Senate on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body honor those exemplary public servants who have dedicated their careers to protecting and serving Tennessee’s elected officials; and

WHEREAS, William “Bill” Taliaferro of the Tennessee Highway Patrol is one such estimable citizen, who has served with distinction since 1989 as security officer for the Speaker of the Senate; he will soon be taking a much deserved retirement from a distinguished law enforcement career that has spanned over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Taliaferro first provided security for Lt. Governor John S. Wilder and then began working for Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey when he was elected Speaker of the Senate in 2007; and

WHEREAS, since that time, Bill Taliaferro has stood ever vigilant, ready and willing to assist Lt. Governor Ramsey in every possible way; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Governor Ramsey has expressed his appreciation for him by stating: “Bill Taliaferro has been more than a driver and a protector, he has been a trusted advisor and a true friend. I could not have done my job as speaker without Bill getting me where I needed to go quickly and efficiently. A consummate professional, Bill always rose to the occasion and did his job often under the toughest of conditions. Of the things I will miss about being speaker, Bill is at the very top of the list.”; and

WHEREAS, Bill Taliaferro joined the Tennessee Highway Patrol in 1977 and served as a road trooper in West Tennessee prior to his tenure with the Senate Speaker; and

WHEREAS, performing his duties with the utmost professionalism and integrity, Bill Taliaferro has won the unqualified respect and admiration of his peers in law enforcement and the members of the Senate alike; and

WHEREAS, Bill Taliaferro exhibits these same outstanding qualities to all of the members of Lt. Governor Ramsey's staff, each of whom holds him in the highest esteem as a dedicated professional and a trusted friend; and

WHEREAS, to the members and staff of the Senate, he exemplifies the values of hard work and devotion to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Bill Taliaferro truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated law enforcement officer who is wholly committed to the highest tenets of public service, and he should be specially recognized for his service to the Senate on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend William "Bill" Taliaferro for his many years of exemplary service with the Tennessee Highway Patrol and as security officer for Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey, thank him for his dedication to law enforcement and the legislative process, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.